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Ms. Susan Childs
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Dear Ms. Childs:

The Minerals Management Service (MMS) has received your May 5, 2009 letter (copy attached) withdrawing the Shell Offshore Inc. Beaufort Sea Outer Continental Shelf Lease Exploration Plan (EP) and request that MMS withdraw its February 15, 2007 approval of the EP.

The MMS accepts Shell's notice to withdraw the EP. The MMS considers the EP to be null and void. We will not consider nor approve any exploratory drilling activity under this EP. The MMS is taking this action at the voluntary request of Shell. This is neither a disapproval action nor an adverse decision by the MMS that affects lessee rights pursuant to 30 CFR 250.182.

Sincerely,


Jeffrey Walker
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Re: Shell Offshore Inc. Beaufort Sea Outer Continental Shelf Lease Exploration Plan; MMS Approval Letter Dated February 15, 2007.

Dear Mr. Walker:

This is to advise you that Shell Offshore Inc. ("SOI") hereby withdraws its January 2007 Beaufort Sea Outer Continental Shelf Lease Exploration Plan for 2007-2009 ("2007-2009 Exploration Plan"). In the two and one half years since submitting the 2007-2009 Exploration Drilling Plan, SOI's priority exploration drilling locations for its Beaufort Sea leases have changed. SOI will soon submit a new Exploration Drilling Plan and supporting Environmental Impact Analysis for the 2010 season that identifies the two new priority exploration well locations, proposes a single season of operations to drill those wells, and analyzes the environmental impacts of the new Exploration Drilling Plan.

We hereby request that the MMS correspondingly withdraw its February 15, 2007 approval of SOI's 2007-2009 Exploration Drilling Plan.

Please let me know if you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,

Susan Childs
Regulatory Affairs Manager - Alaska Venture

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